

IN RECOGNITION OF THE RETIREMENT OF DR. DAVID L. GOETSCH

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 6, 2011*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. David L. Goetsch upon his retirement as Vice President of Northwest Florida State College.

Throughout his career in Northwest Florida, Dr. Goetsch has epitomized professionalism and excellence in education. A Distinguished Alumnus of the University of West Florida, Dr. Goetsch was named as one of the school's top 40 alumni during its first 40 years. He has published more than 70 books on topics ranging from management, leadership and professional development to economic development and political science, and several of his best-sellers have been published in foreign languages.

In addition to his extraordinary academic portfolio, Dr. Goetsch has been recognized by many organizations for his excellence in the classroom. In 1984, Dr. Goetsch was named "America's Outstanding Technical Educator of the Year," and in 1986, he was named Florida's "Outstanding Technical Educator of the Year." He has also received numerous awards as "Instructor of the Year" from the University of West Florida, as well as Okaloosa Walton Junior College.

As an expert in Management and Leadership, Dr. Goetsch has applied his extensive knowledge to help businesses in Northwest Florida thrive and expand. Dr. Goetsch is the co-founder, and current Chairman of the Board, of the Economic Development Council serving Okaloosa County and its Technology Coast Manufacturing and Engineering Network (TeCMEN). He is a founding board member of the Walton Economic Development Alliance and has served as president of the Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce, president of the Niceville-Valparaiso Chamber of Commerce, board member of the Crestview Chamber of Commerce, and board member of the Walton Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Goetsch also calls on his patriotism and service as a United States Marine to support local military installations, missions and defense contractors. He currently serves on the three-county Defense Support Initiative in an ex officio position, and this year he was appointed by State Senator Mike Haridopolos to utilize his expertise as a member of Governor Rick Scott's Florida Defense Support Task Force.

Dr. Goetsch also spends valuable time serving throughout the community and has been recognized at both the local, state and national level. In 2005, Dr. Goetsch was awarded the "James Campbell Community Service Award" from the Niceville-Valparaiso-Bay Area Chamber of Commerce, and he also received the "Spirit of Freedom Award" from the Northwest Florida Daily News. In 2009, the Carnegie Foundation recognized Dr. Goetsch for "Outstanding Community Engagement."

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize the career and accomplishments of Dr. David L. Goetsch. His service to the academic and business communities in Northwest Florida is laudable. His expertise has helped small businesses, large corporations, cities, counties

and non-profits thrive, and his books have helped provide students worldwide with the tools to succeed. My wife Vicki and I wish him, his wife Deborah and daughter Savannah all the best.

**TERMINATING PRESIDENTIAL  
ELECTION CAMPAIGN FUND AND  
ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION**

SPEECH OF

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 1, 2011*

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong opposition to H.R. 3463, legislation that terminates taxpayer financing of presidential election campaigns and party conventions and the Election Assistance Commission.

Once again, the Republican Congress is bringing legislation to the floor that puts more control of our elections in the hands of big business. H.R. 3463 combines two bills that have previously been brought before this House that I opposed and that were roundly rejected by Democrats.

In the wake of the Watergate scandal, Congress established the current system of public financing of our presidential elections, enabling taxpayers to voluntarily contribute a small donation to the fund. While there has been bipartisan agreement that this system should be fixed, not eliminated, one of the Republican House majority's top priorities is, not to focus on creating jobs and building our economy but, to give corporate secret donors more control of our presidential elections.

The American people are rightly concerned that only big money and special interests get a hearing in Washington. The Supreme Court ruling in the Citizens United case opened the floodgates to greater influence by powerful special interests—effectively drowning out the voices of average Americans. Last year, House Democrats worked on bringing fairness and transparency to campaigns with passage of the bipartisan DISCLOSE Act, legislation that would ensure Americans' voices are not drowned out by corporate dollars.

Unfortunately, before us today is legislation that did not receive an opportunity for debate or amendment, which would make presidential candidates more dependent on big corporate money that corrupts our political system.

I urge my colleagues to oppose it.

**HONORING THE LIFE AND  
ACHIEVEMENTS OF MR. DAVID J.  
COHN**

**HON. STEVE COHEN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 6, 2011*

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. David J. Cohn, a small business owner and philanthropist from Forrest City, Arkansas who passed away on November 26. Mr. Cohn was a proud member of Temple Israel in Memphis, whose compassion and devotion to helping the less fortunate was well-known to those who knew him.

Mr. Cohn was born September 30, 1955, in Memphis, Tennessee. He was the proud owner and operator of Forest City Grocery Company and Tobacco Superstore, until illness forced him to spend less time at work. He was also a member of the Arkansas Oil Marketers Association, Retail Tobacco Dealers of America, the Associated Wholesale Grocers and served as President of the Forrest City Country Club. Despite his obligations to his business and to his organizations, Mr. Cohn found time to give back to his community through charity and supporting local universities' athletic programs.

Mr. Cohn was a philanthropist and gave to many causes in Forrest City. He established endowments with the St. Francis Community Foundation including the David Cohn "Wishes" Endowment which grants wishes to those most in need as well as many nonprofits. This endowment was set up by his wife Marsha and their children as a birthday gift because they knew how important giving back to the community was to David. Mr. Cohn was a proud supporter of the University of Arkansas Razorbacks and was an ambassador for the University of Memphis Athletic Department.

David Cohn passed away at the young age of 56 years of age. David Cohn is survived by his wife of 26 years, Marsha, one son, Perry Partain, three daughters, Hannah Reeves, Emily Cohn and Kelli Cohn, as well as his mother, Suzanne Cohn, two sisters, a brother and a host of nephews and a caretaker. Mr. Cohn's commitments to his family and community will be missed. His was a life well lived.

**CONGRATULATING KALEB WILSON**

**HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 6, 2011*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Kaleb Wilson of the Linn High School Wildcats Boys Cross Country team for winning the individual Class 1 Missouri State Championship.

Mr. Wilson should be commended for all of his hard work throughout the regular season and bringing home the individual state title to his school, family and community. At the State Cross Country Championships in Jefferson City, Kaleb completed the race with a time of 17 minutes 1.32 seconds. The victory led to his team's overall win, but it has also provided additional support and comfort to his family. Kaleb has dedicated this season, including his final championship race, to his cousin who is still in the hospital following a car accident in early September.

I ask that you join me in recognizing Kaleb Wilson for a job well done.

**HONORING THE SERVICE OF  
ROBERT G. MAHONY**

**HON. STENY H. HOYER**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 6, 2011*

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak about an outstanding public servant who will